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| <div style="text-align: center; padding: 10px;"> UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small> </div> | Attorney Docket No. | 032126 | Total Pages |
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| | Iwao SAIKATSU, Kunio SHIBATA, Tsuneaki ASAHI, Motoki HIRAKAWA and Yukio SHIMOKAWA | | |
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| APPLICATION ELEMENTS FOR: NON-ASBESTOS-BASED FRICTION MATERIALS | ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | | |
| <p>1. [XX] Fee Transmittal Form (Incorporated within this form) (The filing fee is deferred).</p> <p>2. [XX] Specification Total Pages [20]</p> <p>3. [] Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets []</p> <p>4. [] Oath or Declaration Total Pages [] <u>NOT attached; deferred under P.L. 97-247.</u></p> <p>a. [] Newly executed (original)</p> <p>b. [] Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed).</p> <p>i. [] <u>Deletion of Inventor(s)</u> Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).</p> <p>5. [] Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.</p> <p>6. [] Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)</p> <p>7. [] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)</p> <p>a. [] Computer Readable Copy</p> <p>b. [] Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)</p> <p>c. [] Statement Verifying identity of above copies</p> | | | |
| <p><u>ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS</u></p> <p>8. [] Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s)) to: <u>NISSHINBO INDUSTRIES, INC., Tokyo, Japan</u> Please publish the assignee data with the application.</p> <p>9. [] 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) [] Power of Attorney</p> | | | |

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10. English translation Document (if applicable)

11. Information Disclosure Statement Copies of IDS Citations(PTO-1449 w/ 5 ref.)

12. Preliminary Amendment

13. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

14. Small Entity Status is claimed.

15. Claim for Convention Priority Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
 a. Priority of Japanese Application No. 2002-351988 filed on December 4, 2002 is claimed under 35 USC 119.

16. Other _____

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:
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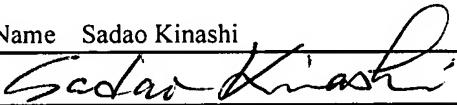
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